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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Comments on Intelligence Matters 

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The President has asked me to reaffirm the longstanding policy that we will not comment on intelligence matters. Efforts to clarify public reports of intelligence information, no matter how well intended, generally prove to be counterproductive. The resultant cycle can lead to the compromise of extremely sensitive information and grave damage to our national security. Exception to this policy can be granted only by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs based on the recommendation of the DCI.

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The President is determined that all officials of this government understand this policy clearly and comply with it fully. Please take appropriate steps to brief your subordinates and subordinate elements.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM P. CLARK

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15 February 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Data Processing

ATTENTION : Executive Officer, ODP

THROUGH : Chief, Interactive Systems Branch  
Chief, Systems Programming Division  
Deputy Director for Processing, ODP

STAT FROM :   
Interactive Systems Branch, SPD

SUBJECT : Assistance to the White House

We request permission to provide the following assistance to the White House Communications Agency as provided for in ODP Instruction 7-5-77:

- a. Agency Assisted:  
White House Communications Agency  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500
- b. Description of Assistance: WACA is planning to process sensitive compartmented information using their VM systems. They have asked us to review their technical procedures and processes. We have modified vendor software and have developed a variety of tools to aid systems support in a classified environment. A good example is  Representatives from the technical support staff of WACA will visit Agency Headquarters to discuss the considerations of classified processing under VM. If appropriate, we will transfer copies of Agency-developed software to WACA. Representatives from Information Systems Security Group and Domestic Networks Division will participate in this endeavor.
- c. Location of Assistance: CIA Headquarters.
- d. Components Involved: ODP/P/SPD/ISB, OS/ISSG, OC/DND/TSB.

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- f. Financial Cost: If any software is transferred to WACA, approximately \$50 of computer time would be required to create the tape.
- g. Manpower: One or two systems programmers, a security officer and a communications security specialist will participate in discussions lasting about four hours.
- h. Person to Contact for Additional Information:

Interactive Systems Branch, SPD

This request has been coordinated with the Offices of Security and Communications. Agency procedures will be observed for the visit by the WACA technical support staff to Headquarters. ODP procedures will be followed for the release of any magnetic tape.

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APPROVED:

17 FEB 1983

Director of Data Processing

Date

Attachment: letter from Capt. J. Wells dated 8 February 1983

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WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

8 February 1983

Automated Services Division

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Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington D.C. 20505

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Dear [Redacted]

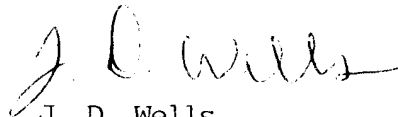
The White House Communications Agency is currently engaged in the task of converting our computer facility to process SCI materials. Request your technical assistance in reviewing the procedures and processes necessary for this effort.

We are currently using IBM's Virtual Machine/System Product (VM/SP) on 4341-2 computers and would like to benefit from lessons learned by you and your staff in meeting security requirements in this area.

This will certainly be a challenging task for the White House Communications Agency and it is in the national interest that I am asking your cooperation in sharing your technical experiences with us as soon as possible.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



J. D. Wells  
Captain, U. S. Air Force  
Chief, White House  
Management Systems